



APPROVED 10/15/2014 (TAC)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Floyd Marsh, Chair
Bill Sheaffer, Vice-Chair
Alisa McMahon, Board Member
Candice Gimbel, Board Member

ABSENT: Stephan Herman, Board Member
Larry Person, Board Member
Kevin Edwards, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives

Call to Order:

Chair Floyd Marsh called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:46 p.m.

Roll Call:

A formal roll call took place confirming the members present as stated above

Public Comment:

None – two citizens were present

1. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes -- Regular Meeting: August 20, 2014. Possible action** Chair Marsh

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 1:

Vice-Chair Sheaffer moved to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting August 20, 2014; Board Member Gimbel provided a second to the motion; APPROVED 4-0.

2. **Administrative Report -Discussion** Tim Conner
• Updates of recent and coming events Sam Brown

- Environmental Professionals of Arizona – Snell & Wilmer Presentation regarding proposed new EPA rule regarding expanded jurisdiction of “Waters of the U.S.”
- Overview of Maricopa County Ozone presentation
- Announcement of New Maricopa County Air Quality Director – Philip McNeely
- Letter of appreciation from the Mayor to the Board for the 2014 Scottsdale Environmental Design Awards Program
- Vice Chair Sheaffer’s announcement of his resignation, and agreement to continue to serve through the October 15, 2014 meeting at the Chair’s request.

3. **Chair’s Report– Discussion and possible action**

Chair Marsh

- **Call to challenge by the Chair to have each member develop in advance their top three items for possible future priority focus areas related to water supply, water usage, water quality and water sustainability. Advance written material will be discussed and consolidate into a “Top 3-5 List”**

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 3 BULLET 1:

Board Member McMahon moved to table the top three water related items for future focused work programs item of the Chair’s Report until the October 15, 2014 Regular Meeting; Vice-Chair Sheaffer provided a second to the motion; APPROVED 4-0.

- **Update on water softening rebate program status**
Chair Marsh shared an overview of the program’s statistics to date. Board Member Gimbel suggested that educating plumbers is something that should be considered.

Vice-Chair Sheaffer agreed with Board Member Gimbel and provided examples of some of the advertised systems. Chair Marsh related past experiences with one of the companies advertising salt-less water softening systems. He felt that the systems were actually an electronic de-scaling device.

Chair Marsh described a link on the City’s web site that linked to research work done in California on alternative technology systems. He offered that he would arrange for the National Water Quality Association representatives to return to the board with updates of the programs they presented in the

spring of this year to the Board.

Vice-Chair Sheaffer suggested that the program should be expanded to focus on commercial applications. His opinion was that it would be more efficient and effective to convert large scale water users than the current program of approaching individual residential customers.

- 4. Presentation – Benefits of Electric Vehicles to the Electric Grid in Response to Renewable Distributed Energy Resources-Discussion**

Vice-Chair Sheaffer provided a brief presentation on the shift in peak energy production to the daytime due to the solar generation. He pointed out that due to this shift; it makes sense to charge electric vehicles during the day rather than just overnight as has previously been the preferred approach.

Vice-Chair
Sheaffer

- 5. Updated overview of board member’s findings and recommendations for the reduction of idling at local schools during student pick-up. Also recommendations and findings regarding a desired expansion of school bus service to local schools. – Discussion**

Board Member Gimbel provided an overview of the memo she was working on regarding the local student pick-up issues related to excessive car idling and other safety concerns. She stated that she intended to attend as a citizen a United Parent Council Meeting of the Paradise Valley School District Transportation (bus) Committee that was taking place on Friday September 19, 2014. She planned to use the content of the draft memo as a brainstorming set of talking points. Board Member Gimbel then discussed what she felt the role of the Board might be, noting that safety was also a concern that might not be the charge of the board. Additionally she spoke to the possible utilization of software and a regional bus stop concept that might more effectively utilize districts’ bus systems.

Vice Chair Sheaffer suggested that the board along with the Valley of the Sun Clean Cities Coalition introduce cueing software to the Mesa, Marana, and the Tucson Amphitheater school districts as they have been innovators for this issue in the past. Bill estimated that the use of the software might run a school around \$7,000 a year.

Board Member
Gimbel & Vice-
Chair Sheaffer

- 6. Review and possible approval of letter of appreciation from the Board to the General Plan Update Task Force for their efforts**

Chair Marsh

related to revisions in the Environmental Chapter of the current draft General Plan Update – Discussion and possible action

No Action Taken

As requested in an email provided by absent Board Member Person, the following was read into the recording of the meeting: “In my opinion, the letter goes far beyond what I had in mind when I suggested it at the last meeting. EQAB does not have authority over any part of the General Plan process and it is presumptuous to act/write as if we do. I merely wanted 1) to commend Staff for their work on the ENVIRONMENTAL portions of the latest draft of the GP, and 2) to express our appreciation for taking EQAB input and incorporating so much of it into the latest Draft. So, the letter, as written, does not have my support. I ask that it be edited to say only the two points made above.”

Vice-Chair Sheaffer suggested that the letter of appreciation be abbreviated.

Board Member McMahon asked if there was any rush to issuing this. She believed that the intent was to thank the General Plan Staff rather than the Task Force.

Chair Marsh agreed to streamline the letter and resubmit it for the October meeting.

7. **Review and possible approval of a letter to the Super Bowl Green Initiatives Committee regarding suggested program focuses for the 2015 event in the Valley- Discussion and possible action on draft letter prepared in advance of meeting**

Board Member Person

MOTION AND VOTE- ITEM 7:

Board Member McMahon moved to table the review and possible approval of a Super Bowl Green Initiatives Committee letter due to Board Member Person’s absence until the October 15, 2014 Regular Meeting; Vice-Chair Sheaffer provided a second to the motion; APPROVED 4-0.

8. **Board Members’ reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items. Possible discussion**
- Vice-Chair Sheaffer’s recommendation to discuss a possible future program to recognize private businesses for sustainable efforts and initiatives.

Chair & Board Members

9. Updates and reminders –

- Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m.
- Next Green Building Lecture Thursday, November 6, 2014, 7:00 p.m. Granite Reef Sr. Center
- Additional announcements by Board Members & Staff

Chair & Board
Members

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Chair & Board
Members